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In re Application of:
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Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Katcheves, Konstantina

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 29, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2003, for which the date for response is October 29, 2003. No fees are believed due in connection with this paper. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski Account No.: 50-1212/AMBI:073US.

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